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Applicant: JENTSCH et al. Conf.: 5896  
Appl. No.: 09/463,136 Group: 1655  
Filed: April 17, 2000 Examiner: Forman, B.  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FIXING MICRO-AND/OR  
NANO-OBJECTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 11, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the first examination of this application after the filing of the Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

***In The Claims***

Please replace the claims as follows:

20. (Twice Amended) A method for affixing micro- and/or nano-, shaped objects, which are contained in a liquid, onto a support, said method using a dispenser including a plurality of conically narrowing ducts having relatively wider inlets and relatively narrower outlets, wherein the ducts are, at least at their outlets, capillaries, wherein the shape and size of each of the outlets prevent passage of more than one of the shaped objects at a time, and wherein